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## County's Community Warning System Alert: Shelter in Place for Crockett and Rodeo

(Contra Costa County, CA) – The County's Community Warning System issued a Shelter in Place alert at 2:23 PM for residents in Crockett and Rodeo due to a fire at the NuStar Energy facility in Crockett. According to the CWS Alert map, residents in North Hercules are also asked to shelter in place.

Residents are advised to stay inside and keep windows and doors closed until further official notice. Turn off all heaters, air conditioners, and fans. Unless you are using your fireplace, close your fireplace dampers and vents. Cover any cracks around doors or windows with tape or damp towels.

Remain sheltered indoors until you receive further official instructions. Stay off the phones and do not call 911 unless you have a life-threatening emergency. For Alerts, go to: <a href="https://cwsalerts.com">https://cwsalerts.com</a>.

At this time, no injuries have been reported. Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection District, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol and Contra Costa Health Services Department are in unified command. Multiple agencies, including Contra Costa County Fire District and multiple fire agencies are on scene.

Contra Costa County Fire District reported that 200 firefighters were working to control the refinery fire and adjacent vegetation fires this afternoon. Con Fire reports that the vegetation fires' forward progress has been stopped around 4:30 PM.

Contra Costa County Fire reports that two tanks were destroyed in the incident with other adjacent tanks being impacted by active fire. Crews are attempting to place a blanket of foam over the flammable liquid that is burning on the ground in order to extinguish the fire.

Hazardous Materials teams from both the Contra Costa Health Services Department and Contra Costa County Fire are on scene at 90 San Pablo Avenue after receiving reports of the incident shortly before 2 PM. Contra Costa Hazardous Materials staff are conducting air monitoring on site. Contra Costa County's Community Warning System has been activated, including sirens in the area.

## **ROAD CLOSURE:**

CHP reports that Highway 80 is shut down in both directions from Highway 4 in Hercules to I-780 in Vallejo. Residents are urged to avoid the area.

Supervisor Federal Glover, District 5, said, "We urge residents to shelter in place and stay calm. County first responders and HazMat staff are on scene fighting the fire at the refinery. Stay tuned to media reports and official sources of information."

For news about the Shelter in Place, go to Community Warning Alerts at <a href="https://cwsalerts.com">https://cwsalerts.com</a>.